CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1014. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance privacy protections for individuals, to prevent fraudulent misuse of the Social Security account number, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

"...Identity theft is the fastest growing financial crime in the Nation, affecting an estimated 500,000 to 700,000 people annually. Allegations of fraudulent Social Security number use for identity theft increased from 62,000 in 1999 to over 90,000 in 2000--this is a 50 percent increase in just one year. [] This bill prohibits the sale of Social Security numbers by the private sector, Federal, State and local government agencies. This bill strengthens existing criminal penalties for enforcement of Social Security number violations to include those by government employees. It amends the Fair Credit Reporting Act to include Social Security number as part of the information protected under the law, enhances law enforcement authority of the Office of Inspector General, and allows Federal courts to order defendants to make restitution to the Social Security trust funds. This bill would also prohibit the display of Social Security numbers on drivers licenses, motor vehicles registration, and other related identification records, like the official Senate ID Card..."

Bunning

Pages S 6127, S 6129

S. 1022. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

Warner

Pages S 6127, S 6140-1

Elementary and Secondary Education Act Authorization:

Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S 6061-78, S 6081-S 6120, D 561

Pending:

Biden Amendment No. 386 (to Amendment No. 358), to establish school-based partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and local school systems, by providing school resource officers who operate in and around elementary and secondary schools.

Pages S 6061, D 561

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, June 13, 2001, with votes to occur in relation to the *Hollings Amendment No. 798 (to Amendment No. 358)* and *Gregg (for Santorum) Amendment No. 799 (to Amendment No. 358)*, both listed above, beginning at approximately 9:40 a.m.; to be followed by consideration of certain other amendments to the bill.

Pages S 6119, D 562

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Nomination Received:

Senate received the following nomination:

Asa Hutchinson, of Arkansas, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

Committee Meeting for Wednesday, June 12, 2001:

Committee on the Judiciary: @ 10:00 a.m., Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine racial and geographic disparities in the federal death penalty system, SD-226.

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Executive Communications

E.C.-2296. A communication from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the United States Parole Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

E.C.-2298. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director of the National Institute of Justice, received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Remark:

Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001.

Smith

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2120. A bill to ensure the application of the antitrust laws to local telephone monopolies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Cannon

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H.R. 2125. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Davis

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H.R. 2133. A bill to establish a commission for the purpose of encouraging and providing for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Ryun

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H.R. 2134. A bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to increase the phase-in limitation applicable to the guarantee under such title of benefit improvements made prior to plan termination; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Sanders

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H.R. 2135. A bill to protect consumer privacy; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Sawyer

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 2136. A bill to *protect the confidentiality of information* acquired from the public for statistical purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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H.R. 2137. A bill to make clerical and other technical amendments to title 18, United States Code, and other laws relating to crime and criminal procedure; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sensenbrenner

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Executive Communication:

EC.-2453. A letter from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the annual report on the status of the United States Parole Commission (USPC); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer- Employee Relations held a hearing on "ERISA: The Foundation of Employer Health Coverage."

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on "How Effectively are States and Federal Agencies Working Together to Implement the Use of New DNA Technologies?"

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on "Constitutional Issues Raised by Recent Campaign Finance Legislation Restricting Freedom of Speech."

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime continued oversight hearings on "Fighting Cyber Crime: Efforts by Federal Law Enforcement."

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Committee Meetings For Wednesday, June 13, 2001:

Committee on Appropriations, @ 3:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Legislative, on GPO, on CBO, and on GAO. H-144 Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 10:00 a.m. To mark up the following bills: H.R. 1542, Internal Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001; H.R. 1698, American Broadband Competition Act of 2001; and H.R. 2120, Broadband Antitrust Restoration and Reform Act. 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on GSA's Fiscal Year 2002 Capital Investment Program. 2253 Rayburn.

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Remarks:

Saving Social Security.

<u>Smith</u>

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Supreme Court Decision On Good News Club.

"...I rise today in support of the recent Supreme Court ruling allowing the religious youth group, the Good News Club in Upstate New York, to conduct after-school meetings with children to pray and read the Bible..."

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Next SENATE MEETING: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., June 13, 2001. Next HOUSE MEETING: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., June 13, 2001.

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